

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A photosensitive material comprising a substrate and a reversibly decolorable colored layer disposed thereon, wherein said reversibly decolorable colored layer is reversibly colored and decolored, said reversibly decolorable colored layer is in a colored state at 25 °C, and a temperature at which the color density of said reversibly decolorable colored layer is reduced to 50 % based on that at 25 °C is 50 to 120 °C.

2. The photosensitive material according to claim 1, wherein said reversibly decolorable colored layer comprises: an electron-donating, organic color-former; a compound having a phenolic hydroxyl group; and at least one compound selected from the group consisting of alcohols, esters, ketones and ethers.

3. The photosensitive material according to claim 1, wherein said photosensitive material is a silver halide photosensitive material for photographing comprising a photosensitive layer comprising a silver halide, a dye-providing compound and a binder.

4. The photosensitive material according to claim 3, wherein said photosensitive material is a heat-developable photosensitive material comprising said photosensitive layer comprising an organic silver salt.

5. A method for forming an image comprising the steps of: exposing the photosensitive material recited in claim 3 or 4; developing the exposed photosensitive material to provide an image information thereon; and reading said image information by a scanner at said temperature of 50 to 120 °C or higher to produce an image data.